

1 Q. **Reference: Regulated Activities Evidence**

2 Please provide the PIRA forecast used by Hydro for the 2013 Test Year. In addition,
3 provide the most recent short and long range PIRA forecasts of No. 6 fuel cost per
4 barrel. In the response, please provide all supporting calculations to convert the
5 PIRA original forecast to the Hydro forecast including conversion to Canadian
6 dollars. (Regulated Activities Evidence, page 2.47, lines 7 to 9)

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9 A. Under the license agreement for retainer services with PIRA Energy Group,
10 Hydro is prohibited from releasing PIRA's proprietary content within the public
11 domain and therefore cannot provide PIRA's forecast for the price of No. 6 fuel.

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13 Please note that forecast monthly and annual No. 6 fuel prices used by Hydro are
14 derived by applying Hydro's contract discount to PIRA's New York Harbour price
15 forecast and by applying a forecast for exchange. The short-term forecast exchange
16 rates used by Hydro are a composite forecast of Canadian financial institutions
17 forecasts. The long-term forecast exchange rates used by Hydro are provided by the
18 Conference Board of Canada.